

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] The reference numeral 10 (Figs. 1-4) generally designates a composite wheel comprising a wheel 12 made of aluminum, magnesium, steel, or other material conventionally used for manufacturing vehicle wheels. The composite wheel 10 is made by bonding a wheel cladding 14 to the otherwise outer exposed surface 13 of the wheel 12. The cladding 14 is injection molded of a polymeric material, such as a combination of polycarbonate and ABS having an average thickness of within the range of from about 2mm to about 4mm. The polycarbonate to ABS ratio ranges from about 60% to about 70% polycarbonate and about 40% to about 30% ABS, respectively. Other polymeric materials or composite polymeric materials may also be used. An outer decorative surface 18 of the cladding 14 is covered with a shiny or satin finished metal plating, such as chrome as described in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/707,866 filed November 7, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,749,946, and entitled METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR METALLIC FINISHES, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. The outer surface 18 of the cladding 14 can also be painted, textured or otherwise finished for a particularly desired appearance.